

## A FINE COUNTRY.

Realist of Ohio Says Western Canada is an Ideal Land for Farmers and Ranchers.

A delegate from Ohio to Western Canada says: "The whole of Western Canada seemed to me to be a very fine country, but I spent most of my time about thirty miles east of Lacombe, in Alberta, near what is popularly known as the coal banks on the Red Deer River, and I am very pleased to report that the country appears to be everything that the Agents of the Canadian Government have claimed for it. Good water can be obtained almost anywhere from 17 to 40 feet, and fed generally by springs. The natural hay and grass were magnificent in their growth and wild pea vines very heavy. I met some of my friends who moved there seven years ago and two brothers who had absolutely nothing on their arrival seven years before now own two and a half sections of land and 175 head of cattle. They told me that they did not feed their stock all winter, in fact, never saw them again until the spring, when they came home fat and without loss. I gathered oats 6 ft. 4 high and running from 75 to 100 bushels per acre. It appeared to me that all grasses, wild and cultivated, grow to perfection in any part of Alberta that I saw, and the farmers were cutting from two to three tons of wild hay to the acre. I found the climate very desirable in every respect, and I am told that the winter is the finest part of the year. There is plenty of coal and wood to be had near at hand for hauling, and such is my satisfaction with the country that I acquired some land and have put a bunch of cattle thereon. I can confidently recommend Western Canada as a suitable place for farmers to immigrate to, and can assure them the kindest treatment by the people there, so much so that one does not distinguish the fact that we have left the boundaries of the United States."

Hugh Spender, of the Westminster Gazette, one of the British Journalists who visited Canada this summer (1902), says: "We fell in with a young farmer from Somersetshire, England, driving a binder round a hundred acre field of wheat in Western Canada. In conversation I found that he came from within fifteen miles of my old home in Somersetshire. Here was the very man we wanted. He had come to Manitoba ten years ago, with a capital of \$12 on landing. In England he had been employed on a dairy farm, and earned eighteen shillings a week. He now owns 320 acres of land, his horses, buildings and cattle, and expects to have 4,000 bushels of wheat this season. We had heard of such things in the old land, but they did not seem credible, until we came to this living example of the strides that it is possible to make in Manitoba. Had this man remained in England, it is pretty safe to say he would still be earning no more than eighteen shillings a week, while in the same period in Manitoba he has become a substantial and prosperous farmer."

"I know a man who commenced in Assiniboia, 15 years ago, with no means; no capital. To-day this man owns 7,000 acres of land, some 30 horses, 30 or 40 bullocks, cows, etc. He has built a good stone house with his own hands, and has now married and is doing well, with every prospect of increasing his means in the future. Western Canada has the most exhilarating, bracing climate I ever knew. All that is required in the settler is perseverance, grit, patience and hard work. I will guarantee the country, if you will guarantee the man." From letter from a retired officer in the British army.

## Helping It Along.

Lady Visitor—What a handsome man, and how kind and gentle he looks.  
Prison Warden—Yes, ma'am. He is one of the loveliest murderers we have.—Chicago News.

## RECORD OF THE PAST.

The best guarantee of the future is the record of the past, and over fifty thousand people have publicly testified that Doan's Kidney Pills have cured them of numerous kidney ills, from common backache to dangerous diabetes, and all the attendant annoyances and sufferings from urinary disorders. "They have been cured to stay cured. Here is one case:

Samuel J. Taylor, retired carpenter, residing at 312 South Third St., Goshen, Ind., says: "On the 25th day of August, 1897, I made an affidavit before Jacob C. Mann, notary public, stating my experience with Doan's Kidney Pills. I had suffered for thirty years and was compelled at times to walk by the aid of crutches, frequently passed gravel and suffered excruciatingly. I took every medicine on the market that I heard about, and some gave me temporary relief. I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills, and the results I gave to the public in the statement above referred to. At this time, on the 19th day of July, 1902, I make this further statement, that during the five years which have elapsed I have had no occasion to use either Doan's Kidney Pills or any other medicine for my kidneys. The cure effected was a permanent one."

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## ARE DISCRIMINATING.

## Dutch Steamer Allowed to Enter Blockaded Ports.

Barquisimeto, which Has Been in the Hands of Revolutionists For Some Time, Was Recaptured by the Government Troops.

Caracas, Dec. 29.—United States Minister Bowen and Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, held a long conference Saturday night. Mr. Bowen, on receiving instructions from Washington, conveyed to Senor Baralt President Roosevelt's refusal to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan difficulty. He recommended that the matter be taken to the international peace court at The Hague, which had been expressly organized to consider questions in which the honor of a country or the disposition of territory were not concerned. He suggested the organization of a commission to sit in Washington by their ambassadors to the United States and Venezuela by a delegate. The commission is to sign a document setting forth the matters to be decided at The Hague court. Mr. Bowen said also that Germany would not press for an immediate payment and that she had agreed to accept a guarantee based on a percentage of the customs receipts.

It is understood that Venezuela will make any concessions, even abandoning her demand that her navy be returned. Through the Venezuelan delegate to the commission the Venezuelan government will ask that the blockade be lifted at once. Senor Baralt has expressed the desire that Mr. Bowen represent Venezuela on the commission; if Mr. Bowen can not accept the post it is suggested in official circles that it be given to W. W. Russell, secretary to the American legation.

Caracas, Dec. 31.—United States Minister Bowen has received information that the Dutch steamer Prins Maurits has entered certain Venezuelan ports, blockaded by the British fleet and discharged her cargo there. Special permission for the Dutch steamer to do this was obtained from Commodore Montgomerie, of the British cruiser Charybdis. The Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan ordered the Prins Maurits away from port, but Commodore Montgomerie directed that she continue to discharge her cargo. In Caracas this is held to be a discrimination against American steamers, and the British commodore's action has been criticized.

London, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Curacao, dated Tuesday, says:

"The postmaster of Maracaibo, Venezuela, having detained correspondence belonging to German merchants, the German cruiser threatens in consequence to bombard the town."

Caracas, Dec. 31.—President Castro arrived here Tuesday morning. At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon United States Minister Bowen called upon the president and communicated to him the recommendation that the issues between Venezuela and the allies be taken to the international peace court at The Hague. Venezuela's answer will be received Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

The victory gained by the government at Barquisimeto argues for President Castro's continuance in power.

Barquisimeto, capital of the state of Lara, which for some time past has been in the possession of the Venezuelan revolutionists, has been recaptured by government forces. The town of San Carlos and Tinaquillo have also been re-occupied by the government.

The revolutionists at Barquisimeto were under the command of Gen. Solagie and Penaloza. They evacuated the town after losing 112 men killed and 325 wounded. There was hard fighting in the streets and suburbs of Barquisimeto for two days.

The government forces were commanded by Gen. Cefernio Castillo.

It now transpires that President Castro's recent visit to La Victoria was not of a social nature, as reported here, but for the purpose of conducting personally by telegraph the operation of his forces at Barquisimeto. This victory for the government appears to be a direct result of the president's initiative. It has been a most severe blow for the revolutionists.

## SIGNOR MASCAGNI.

The Case Against the Italian Composer at Chicago Dismissed.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned in court Tuesday on a charge of embezzling \$5,000 from his former manager, Richard Leard, of Boston. After hearing both sides, Justice Hurley immediately dismissed the case. The court room was filled with Italians, who applauded vigorously as Mascagni, thankful and smiling, left for his hotel.

Library For a Soldiers' Home.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Congressman Brownlow, of the First district of Tennessee, has secured a \$25,000 library from Andrew Carnegie for the mountain branch of the National Soldiers' home at Johnson City, Tenn., which is to be opened April 1.

Succeeds Rr. Adm. Casey.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Formal orders were issued by the navy department detailing Rr. Adm. Glass as commander-in-chief of the Pacific station. He will succeed Rr. Adm. Casey, who has been placed on waiting orders.

## DARING ROBBERY.

Boy Smashed a Pawnbroker's Window and Stole Gems.

New York, Dec. 30.—In full view of the passing crowds a window in the pawnshop of R. Simpson & Co. on West Forty-second street, was smashed with a stone paving block Monday night and \$1,000 worth of diamonds were stolen.

Only three of the gems were recovered after the capture of the culprits. It is believed by the police that several men were interested, and that the man who broke the window passed the jewels out to them.

After an exciting chase, which was entered into by hundreds of men, the robber, who drew a pistol and fought desperately, was captured. He was more dead than alive when the police rescued him from the crowd of pursuers. He is 19 years old and calls himself William Madison, of Boston.

It was one of the most daring robberies heard of in New York for a long time. The shop was about to close when a paving block covered with paper crashed through the window and in an instant a tray of diamond rings and pins disappeared. One of the clerks jumped over the counter and pursued the man, who broke the window. A great crowd followed and when the man was overtaken he was buried under a score of men and so badly battered that a physician's services were required.

Madison said he came here a week ago and was prompted to commit the deed by cold and hunger. It is said at the store at the time the window was broken there were on show about \$150,000 worth of jewels.

Madison later told the police that his name is Angus W. McPherson and that he is a bell boy at a New York hotel. He said that he was heavily in debt and sought to relieve his financial stringency by robbery.

## FOREIGN COAL COMING.

Contracts For 200,000 Tons For Shipment From European Ports.

London, Dec. 30.—It was said on good authority in Liverpool Monday that contracts had been made for 200,000 tons of coal for shipment from English, Scotch and Welsh ports to eastern ports of the United States. Purchase of coal and the engagement of ships, it was added, have been going on for a fortnight and are expected to continue for several weeks. Forty steamers have already been chartered. The same authority says the coal purchases are the result of an "unexpected hitch in the coal strike arbitration in the United States."

## COLONY OF BOERS.

They Will Either Settle in Southwestern Texas or Northern Mexico.

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 30.—A Monterey special says: Gen. Samuel Pierson, the Boer commander who became famous during the war between the Boers and the English by appearing at New Orleans and strenuously opposing the sale of mules to English agents, is in Monterey as the agent of thousands of his countrymen who propose to establish colonies either in Southwestern Texas or Northern Mexico. A commission of Boers is expected to arrive in New Orleans January 15.

## IN STAGE COSTUME.

Vaudeville Company at Rehearsal Retreated From Burning Theater.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—The Star theater building on Decatur street was almost completely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. A vaudeville company was giving a rehearsal in the theater when startled by cries of fire and the members of the company made a hasty retreat from the burning building in their stage costumes. All of the theatrical company and others who were in the building escaped without injury. The burned building originally cost about \$30,000. There was no insurance.

## TROUBLE EXPECTED IN CHINA.

Tung Fuh Siang Has 10,000 Warriors Under His Command.

Pekin, Dec. 30.—According to messages received here from the British consul at Han Kow, whose judgment is exceptionally trustworthy, the movements of Tung Fuh Siang give reason to expect trouble. Tung Fuh Siang is supposed to have 10,000 warriors under his command in Kan Su province. He can easily dominate the provinces of Kan Su and Shen Si, as the local imperial forces are very inferior.

Placido Sentenced. Washington, Dec. 30.—Hilario Placido, the spy who next to Gen. Funston is entitled to the credit of capturing Aguinaldo, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, according to advices received from Manila by the war department. Details of his crime are lacking.

## To Pension Employees.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Standard Oil Co. has announced a general pension plan for the benefit of its employees. The plan is on the several lines of those which have been announced by various railroad companies.

## Lacrosse Championship Cup.

New York, Dec. 30.—The championship cup of the Inter-University Lacrosse league was awarded to Cornell university Monday night. Harvard was second, Pennsylvania third and Columbia fourth.

## SOME NOTABLE OLD MEN.

Chief Engineer Carl Neupert, of the Hamburg-American liner Auguste Victoria, the oldest chief engineer of the line, has completed his one hundredth trip. When he returns to Hamburg he will have completed 750,000 miles of ocean travel. He says he will not retire until he has traveled a million miles.

Patrick T. Kanneally believes himself to be the oldest peanut vender among New England summer resorts. He celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his beginning business at Salem Wilkows, Thursday, July 10, and during that time he has sold 15,000 bushels of peanuts in pint bags, making 960,000 bags in all. He is totally blind.

Hoggy Jaggele, who was a drummer boy for Andreas Hofer in the war against the great Napoleon, celebrated his one hundred and second birthday in Vienna the other day. He became attached to the person of the peasant general when nine years old, attended him in all his great battles and still remembers many of the heroes of that day, particularly Victor Eugene, Napoleon's beloved stepson.

Ashaway, R. I., boasts the possession of a more notable group of seven old men than can be found in any other town of its size. The remarkable group met the other day at a photographer's and had their pictures taken. Their ages range from 83 to 92 years, the average being 83 years and 7 months. All are farmers and each is still actively at work, the oldest, Matthew S. Kenyon, having dug seven bushels of potatoes one day not long ago.

## SHOWN BY THE JEWELERS.

Hatpins show large French brilliants set in balls.

Long pearl necklaces are shown which tie in the back with silver tassels.

For evening wear there are jeweled tortoise-shell combs which come in sets of three and four.

Little gilt pins that securely clasp the bow worn low on the back of the hair in the new low coiffure are among the novelties.

Sterling silver vases come in beautiful designs, being tall and slender in shape to accommodate long-stemmed flowers.

Among bug pins is a dragon fly with wings of emeralds and ruby eyes. Butterfly pins have wings set in emeralds, diamonds and rubies.

One of the newest things in jewelry this fall is a thumb seal ring, coming direct from Rome. The ring of either silver or gold is massive in appearance and the seal is large enough to be of practical use in sealing letters. It bears an engraved coat of arms or a curiously wrought monogram, plain letters not being considered good form.

A silver walnut on the end of a lady's long chain is more than an ornament. Some contain a tiny powder puff and powder, a small perfume bottle, besides a place for the pictured face of a sweetheart. Others are intended to hold small change—nickels and dimes—and have a sort of string to hold the coin secure, while others hold a thimble and a small emery.

## INDUSTRIAL ODDS AND ENDS.

An iron shaving has been cut by the Brush Electric company which is 237 feet long.

Four thousand seven hundred and seventy miles of thread have been spun out of a single pound of cotton.

So accurate a science is triangulation that the length of Salisbury Plain was ascertained, with a result that differed five inches only from its measured value.

## MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.  
CATTLE—Common 3 50 @ 4 15  
Butcher steers 4 85 @ 5 00  
CALVES—Extra 9 00 @ 9 00  
HOGS—Ch. packers 6 55 @ 6 62½  
Mixed packers 6 40 @ 6 55  
SHEEP—Extra 3 75 @ 3 75  
LAMBS—Extra 5 70 @ 5 75  
FLOUR—Spring 3 85 @ 4 10  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 78 @ 79  
No. 3 red 75½ @ 75½  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 45½ @ 45½  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 36 @ 36  
RYE—No. 2 55 @ 56  
HAY—Ch. timothy 15 00 @ 15 00  
PORK—Clear cut 18 00 @ 18 50  
LARD—Steam 10 75 @ 10 75  
BUTTER—Ch. dairy 31 @ 31  
Choice creamery 30 @ 30  
APPLES—Fancy 2 50 @ 3 50  
POTATOES—Per bbl 1 75 @ 1 75  
TOBACCO—New 3 25 @ 10 75  
Old 7 50 @ 16 25

Chicago.  
FLOUR—Win. patent 3 40 @ 3 50  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 74 @ 76  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 45 @ 45½  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 32 @ 32  
PORK—Mess 17 00 @ 17 00  
LARD—Steam 10 35 @ 10 40

New York.  
FLOUR—Win. s.rts. 3 45 @ 3 55  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 84½ @ 85  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 50½ @ 50½  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 38½ @ 38½  
RYE—Western 59 @ 59  
PORK—Mess 18 00 @ 18 50  
LARD—Steam 10 50 @ 10 50

Baltimore.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 76½ @ 76½  
Southern—Sample 67½ @ 68  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 52½ @ 52½  
OATS—No. 2 white 41 @ 41  
CATTLE—Butchers 4 25 @ 5 25  
HOGS—Western 6 75 @ 6 80

Louisville.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 77 @ 77  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 64 @ 64  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 35½ @ 35½  
PORK—Mess 16 50 @ 16 50  
LARD—Steam 10 25 @ 10 25

Indianapolis.  
WHEAT—No. 2 red 74 @ 74  
CORN—No. 2 mixed 44½ @ 44½  
OATS—No. 2 mixed 34 @ 34½

## THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME

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UNDER date of January 10, 1897, Dr. Hartman received the following letter:

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"She also was passing through that most critical period in the life of a woman—change of life. In June, 1895, I wrote to you about her case. You advised a course of Peruna and Manalin, which we at once commenced, and have to say it completely cured her.

"She firmly believes that she would have been dead only for these wonderful remedies.

"About the same time I wrote you about my own case of catarrh, which had been of 25 years' standing. At times I was almost past going. I commenced to use Peruna according to your instructions, and continued its use for about a year, and it has completely cured me.

"Your remedies do all that you claim for them, and even more. Catarrh cannot exist where Peruna is taken according to directions. Success to you and your remedies."

John O. Atkinson.

In a letter dated January 1, 1900, Mr. Atkinson says, after five years' experience with Peruna:

"I will ever continue to speak a good word for Peruna. In my rounds as a traveling man I am a walking advertisement for Peruna and have induced many people during the past year to use Peruna with the most satisfactory results. I am still cured of catarrh."

John O. Atkinson, Independence, Mo.

Box 272.

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If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

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## A PROFESSIONAL OPINION.

The Advice of a Lawyer to His Barber, Who Was Cutting In on His Business.

A former judge, now practicing law, became interested when told by his favorite barber that the latter wanted to study, with a view to admission to the bar, relates the Philadelphia Times. The lawyer encouraged him in every way possible, lending him books and giving him an informal lesson while being shaved each morning. Soon the barber began putting hypothetical cases to his patron, who gave, soundly and pains-takingly gave information as to correct procedure. After a time the ex-judge learned that the barber's cases were genuine—that, indeed, the fellow was acting as a cut-rate attorney for his friends, who invariably profited by following his advice. The following morning the barber opened up by putting what he described as an imaginary bit of litigation to the latter-covered lawyer, and then asked:

"Now, judge, what do you advise?" "Let-me-see," replied the lawyer, musingly. Then: "Why, I advise that you come see me at the office, bring me a certified check for \$100 as a fee, and I'll tell you how the case should be handled."

Accuracy.—Husband—"Didn't I tell you that was a secret, and you were not to tell it to anyone?" Wife—"You told me it was a secret, but you did not say I was not to tell it to anyone."—N. Y. Weekly.

The Newman News reports this of a youngster there: "We had the minister for dinner yesterday," said one. "Shah" replied the other, "we had a possum."—Atlanta Constitution.

Life has no blessing like a prudent friend. —Euripides.

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